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## COL. FORBES ORDERS INQUIRY ON HOSPITAL

Veterans' Director Complies  
With Requests of Legion  
and Rosedale.

## NEW CRUELITIES CITED

Attendant and Patient Say  
Dr. Brewster Told Guards  
to Go the Limit.

## DR. CHRONQUEST CLEARED

Deegan Says New Commander  
Is Not to Blame—U. S. Takes  
Up Lucci and Morgan Cases.

A thorough investigation of the Kingsbridge Hospital, where 364 former soldiers are under treatment for mental and nervous diseases, was ordered yesterday by Col. Charles R. Forbes, director of the United States Veterans Bureau in Washington.

Col. Forbes thus complies with the request of Major William F. Deegan, State commander of the American Legion, and Representative Albert C. Rosedale of the Twenty-third Congress district, who have been gathering evidence apparently indicating that patients in the hospital have been subjected to cruel treatment. Mr. Rosedale threatened to ask for an investigation by Congress if the Veterans' Bureau did not do the job itself.

Both Major Deegan and Mr. Rosedale have asked that at least one man outside the Veterans' Bureau be appointed to the committee of inquiry. Mr. Rosedale has suggested that this be Major Deegan. The American Legion will request representation by its counsel, Irwin I. Rackoff, at all hearings. Major Deegan will also ask that the hearings be open to the public.

The Department of Justice will take over to-day the prosecution of Timothy Lucci and Harry J. Morgan, attendants in the hospital, who were arrested last week and charged with having beaten Nicholas B. Sampson, an insane patient. They were held in \$1,000 bail each, and are to appear before Magistrate McGeehan of the Bronx in West Farms court this morning. It having been agreed that Federal interest takes precedence, the Magistrate is likely to discharge Lucci and Morgan. A Deputy United States Marshal will be on hand to rearrest them and take them to the Federal Building for arraignment on a charge of assault against a ward of the Government.

## Quotes Order to "Go Limit."

Representative Rosedale, in whose district the hospital (its formal name is United States Veterans Hospital 31) is situated, added another accusation to his list yesterday. He took the affidavits of a former patient and a former attendant, who swear that they heard Dr. George Brewster, second in command at the hospital, direct the attendants to apply force to unruly patients. The former attendant, James A. Dunn of 87 South Tenth street, Brooklyn, says there was a meeting of the attendants on June 25 last. "At this meeting," says the affidavit, "Dr. Brewster, in talking with the attendants, told them if any patient became nasty or ugly or violent they were to use force, and if one man

was not enough to call in as many as he needed, even ten if necessary, and to go the limit and he would stand back of them if any trouble should ever arise as a result."

The other affidavit is made by Samuel Ury of 213 Beekman avenue, The Bronx, a patient at Kingsbridge from June 21 to July 18 last, now in the Naval Hospital in Brooklyn. He says the meeting of attendants was held three days before the present director of the Kingsbridge Hospital, Dr. Chronquest, took command. He says that Dr. Brewster politely requested patients to leave the recreation room.

"I with several other inmates, one Thomas Scott, one Frank Lyons and one John Martin," the affidavit goes on, "went into the next room, divided from the recreation room by rolling doors. While there I distinctly heard Dr. Brewster tell his audience that in the future should any patient give any trouble whatsoever they can use violence if they think it necessary and he would back them up to the fullest extent. This was also overheard by my comrades. We discussed this matter among ourselves and decided that if we should comment publicly it would result in having us punished by transfer to Ward G [the insanity ward], dreaded by all inmates."

"Patient Ury is being treated at the Naval Hospital for chronic gastritis. Representative Rosedale says Dr. Bunker at the Kingsbridge Hospital told him Ury was neurotic, but, says Rosedale, he was labeled "paranoid" in the hospital records.

"Ridiculous," Says Brewster.

Dr. Brewster said last night that the charge made in these two affidavits was wholly ridiculous—just malicious falsehoods. "The fact is," he said, "that at the direction of Dr. Treadway, Dr. Chronquest's predecessor, I gave lectures to attendants, in which I always cautioned them to keep their hands off patients unless it was absolutely necessary to do so otherwise, I told them that when force, as distinguished from violence, was necessary they must always call for assistance. I told them there must be no harsh measures, and if they heard of anything of that sort they were to report it to the head of the hospital. The idea is to use kindly persuasion whenever possible."

The question as to what really constitutes "violence" in the handling of the violently insane will probably have to be answered at the Veterans' Bureau hearings. Dr. Chronquest, the superintendent, has made specific denial of every accusation. In a letter sent to Col. Forbes yesterday Major Deegan said: "I believe his name (Dr. Chronquest) should be cleared of the charges now pending against the institution."

Major Deegan, in his letter, said that no physician is on duty in the insane ward at night; that G building (where the insane are kept) is not a fit place for women nurses to be day or night, and that the wages of male attendants, \$5 a month and maintenance, is not enough to attract highly specialized men "to take care of these poor unfortunates."

"We understand," Major Deegan added, "that the commanding officer is not free to select and to control his own staff on account of political interference. We understand that a protest is being made by some members of the staff against the class of help which is being referred by the Civil Service Commission to that institution."

Major Deegan said that as long ago as June 26 he had pointed out to Col. Forbes that the thirty-two acre hospital grounds had no surrounding fence; that families in the neighborhood had complained of irresponsible patients wandering into their homes; that \$5,000 worth of Government automobiles, including ambulances and buses, were being ruined because there was no garage, and that, with the exception of two lamps at the entrance, the grounds were not lighted at night. Col. Forbes replied on July 29 that a two-story garage was being planned, that a "layout" for a lighting system had been requested, and that plans and specifications for a fence were "now in progress." Major Deegan says none of these changes has been made.

## TWO HOMES DYNAMITED.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Sept. 7.—The homes of A. J. Figg and Clark Blankenship, employees of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad here, were dynamited early today. The residences are in different sections of the city and the explosions occurred within a short time of each other.

## BUSINESS PRAISES NEW FRAUDS COURT

Banton Quotes L. E. Pierson  
on How Trade Recognizes  
Benefit to Commerce.

The Commercial Frauds Court for Manhattan, which will hold its second session to-day in the Criminal Courts Building, has received the commendation of several business men's organizations. District Attorney Banton said yesterday.

"The creation of a Commercial Frauds Court makes practicable a prompt preliminary inquiry by a magistrate of special experience in proceedings of this kind and under conditions which will undoubtedly result in prompt and just action shortly following a complaint. It is especially commendable that this court will be devoted exclusively to fraud cases."

"We believe that these important improvements in procedure will greatly expedite the trial of commercial fraud cases and therefore prove a powerful deterrent from a condition which has long inflicted great injury upon the business community. We thank you for the prompt and wholly satisfactory manner in which you have responded to the suggestion hitherto made by us looking to these valuable reforms in legal procedure."

Six cases are on to-day's calendar. The examination for the District Attorney will be in charge of Benjamin P. Schreiber and Max Solomon, Assistant District Attorneys, and Mr. Banton will attend.

## BROGAN HEADS KOENIG ON DEMOCRATIC TICKET

Judge Collins Gets First Place  
in Primary Draw.

At the drawing for places on the primary ballot at the Board of Elections yesterday Edward S. Brogan, insurgent Democratic candidate for the Court of General Sessions, drew second place.

Judge Koenig, one of the two regular judges of the Democrats, got third. Judge Collins heads the ticket.  
Joseph P. Handy, insurgent Democratic candidate for the nomination to Congress in the Eleventh District, won first place over Representative Daniel J. Flanagan. Handy, who is running in the Republican primaries as well, got first place there, beating out Ralph Corbett.

## To-day's Radio Program (Tune to 360 meters)

STATION WJZ, NEWARK

7:00 P. M.—Baseball scores, American, National and International leagues.  
7:00 P. M.—Bedtime stories, by Thornton Burgess.

9:00 P. M.—Weekly Reports on Conditions of Leading Industries, by R. D. Wyckoff. Location of ships at sea, Radio Corporation of America; closing prices of stocks, bonds, grain, coffee and sugar.

9:15 P. M.—Novelty act with a tin whistle by Felix Livingston. "The Original Fox Trot," Henry Kleiman; "Swanee River Moon," Pitman Clarke; "La Tigra," Carlos Curtis; "Coo Zoo," Al Johnson and B. G. DeSylvia.

9:30 P. M.—"Tribute of Egypt," by P. H. Roseland, who will tell about this coming feature of the Newark Museum.

9:40 P. M.—Literary evening, conducted by the editorial staffs of the Outlook, Scientific American and Harper & Row.

10:00 P. M.—Talk by Howard Thurston, magician and psychic investigator; first magical act with the "Invisible" invention.

10:30 P. M.—Artists from the Shubert vaudeville circuit will entertain.

10:32 to 11:00 P. M.—Standard time signals from Arlington.

11:00 P. M.—Weather report.  
11:02 P. M.—Recital by Marie Parrish, soprano; Lynn M. Thomas, accompanist. Program: "Moonlight Serenade," by G. H. Harte; "One Golden Day," by Fay Foster; "Mother Dear," by Sidney F. Harris; "Narcissus," by Hadden Crocker and Nurnberg.

STATION WGY, SCENETADY, N. Y.

(General Electric)

Eastern Standard Time.

6:30 P. M.—"How the Whale Got His Throat," from Kipling's "Just So Stories," Koln Hager, reader.

7:00 P. M.—Health talk, "Measles," by Dr. Herman M. Biggs, New York State Health Commissioner.

7:45 P. M.—Concert program, courtesy Little Falls Post, No. 31, American Legion; Fox Trot, "Wake Up, Little Girl, You're Dreaming (Herscher), Dussault's Orchestra; tenor solo, "Love Sends a Little Gift of Roses" (Opendave), George Daley; concert solo, "Tante Doodle Blues" (Jeffrey), George Dussault's Orchestra; reading, Mr. Daley; barytone solo, "Nobility" (Walter), Leon; fox trot, "Nobody Lied" (Weber), Dussault's Orchestra; address, Grover C. use with the American Legion; Grover C. Murphy, commander Little Falls Post, No. 31, fox trot, "Hot Lips" (Verron), Dussault's Orchestra; barytone solo, "At the End of the Road" (Scott), Francis Spraker; walk, "Three o'clock in the

Morning" (Felet), Dussault's Orchestra; tenor solo, "Mammy Lou" (Gibbel), Mr. Daley; fox trot, "Kitten on the Keys" (Confrey), Dussault's Orchestra; barytone solo, "Smiling Thru" (Penn), Mr. Leon; fox trot, "Kiss Me" (Confrey), Dussault's Orchestra; "Dearie" (Kern), Dussault's Orchestra.  
8:00 P. M.—Piano solo, "Moment Musical" (Rachmaninoff), Olie Yetter; violin solo, Spanish Dance, op. 22 (Sarasate), Mary Wolles, Mrs. Nina M. Jandus, accompanist; instrumental trio, "Chant Sans Paroles," op. 40, No. 6 (Tchaikowsky), WGY Trio; reading, "The Tired Business Man" (Lawson), Seltan Montrose; violin solo, "Serenade" (Della), Mary Wolles, Mrs. Jandus, accompanist; piano solo, "Lullaby" (Kern), Olie Yetter; instrumental trio, "Larghetto" (G. Bohm), WGY Trio; reading, "Boyhood in a New England Hotel" (Ford), Seltan Montrose; instrumental trio, "Autumn and Winter," Bachman from "The Seasons" (Glazounow); violin solo, "Nachtstuck" (Schumann), by "Tambourine (Gosse), Mary Wolles, Mrs. Jandus, accompanist; piano solo, "Venetian Boat Song" (Mendelssohn), Olie Yetter.

STATION WBS, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

(Westinghouse)

7:30 P. M.—Baseball scores; Uncle Wiggly bedtime story.

7:45 P. M.—"The Human Side of the Automobile," by Frederic D. Thompson; fashion talk from "Vogue," "Using Colored Oilcloth," from "House and Garden"; United States Government and State market reports.

8 P. M.—Baseball scores; musical program by Edith Grange; reader, Mrs. Harold L. Hudson, pianist, Mrs. Harold L. Hudson, pianist.

STATION WVE, FORT WOOD, NEW YORK

(Signal Corps, U. S. A.)

8:30 P. M.—Answering mail received from the general public.

9:00 P. M.—Miss Julia Allen, coloratura soprano, famous prima donna of the Royal Opera, Amsterdam, Holland, will sing; Miss Louise Schaeferman, accompanist. Selections: "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" (DeLand), "Bonnie Sweet Bonnie" (Gilbert), "Caro Nome" ("Rigoletto") and "Symphony and Faun" (Debussy).


STATION KDKA, PITTSBURGH

(Westinghouse)

6 P. M.—Tri-weekly letter from "Farm and Home"; "Detours and Conditions of Highways."

7 P. M.—Piano recital from Westinghouse Station (KDKA).

8 P. M.—Concert by Gertrude Sykes King. Program: "Kiss a Dream," "Lohengrin" (Wagner); "The Billie Floungman" (Clark); "Lullaby" (Worrell); "Robin, Robin, Sing Me a Song" (Spruss), Elmer Stephan, tenor, will sing several duets with Mrs. King. "Neath the Stars" (Goring Thomas and L'Adelle) (Nicolini) are the selections.



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